Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: On a point of information may I know whether there is a limit to the number of supplementary questions?

Mr. President: It is left to the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: Is it absolutely necessary to fill up this vacancy?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: The vacancy has not been filled up. The services of a person with sound training is absolutely necessary for the Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: How many applicants were there for being sent for training?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: There were no applicants.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Did the Government call for any application to fill the post?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: Not to my knowledge. No applications were invited.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Why not?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: Because the recruitment was from the service and the Head of the Department was asked to nominate the best man from the Department.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: What is the minimum qualifications for the post of a Tahsildar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: He must be a graduate and he must be sufficiently experienced in revenue work.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: ഇതുവരെ ആ സ്ഥാനം വേക്കൻറായി കിടന്നിരുന്നൊ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: അതെ.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: വലിയ അർജൻസ് ൈനസസിറ്റി ഇല്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ആരേയും വെച്ചില്ല അല്ലെ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: ഇപ്പോഴും ടെയിനിംഗിനാണ് പോകുന്നത്.

MR. A. R. RAMAN, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR—APPOINTMENT OF.

25. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) the special qualifications of Mr. A. R. Raman, now appointed in place of Mr. K. C. Peter;

(*b*) what post he is occupying now till he takes charge of the new post;

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(*c*) whether there are seniors in service who have been acting as Tahsildars before ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon : (*a*) B. A., Revenue and Account Tests, Survey and Account Training and training as Probationary Revenue Inspector.

(*b*) Panchayat Inspector, Southern Division.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: മിസ്റ്റർ രാമനെ ആദ്യം പ്രൊബേഷണറി റവന്യൂ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരായിട്ടല്ലെ അപ്പോയിൻറ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: അതെ.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: ഇദ്ദേഹം സമുദായത്തിനു് റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യമില്ലാത്തതിനെ പരിഹരിക്കുവാനുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥയിലല്ലെ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ റിക്രൂട്ട ചെയ്തത് ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon : There are no written records in my office to show that. As to any other kind of assurance held out I do not know, because I was not there then.

Mr K. S. Panicker: കൌൺസിലിൽവെച്ചു് ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലെ ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon : I am aware that questions have been asked on that matter.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan : May I know the names of persons whose claims have been overlooked ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon : It is not a case of claims being overlooked. It is a case of appointment being made with due regard to communal inequalities in the superior services.

Mr. President : Are you dissatisfied with the appointment ? (*Laughter*).

PROHIBITION POLICY—ACCOUNT OF.

26. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : (1) Will the Government be pleased to give an account of their prohibition policy ; and

(2) state whether they have noted that a similar question, admitted for the last session of the previous Council, has not been answered ?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar : (1) Government have not yet accepted total prohibition as their policy.

(2) Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : Sir, will the hon'ble member kindly inform the House whether the original question has any reference whatsoever to the total prohibition ?

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